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AMENDMENT AND REPLY SUBMISSION FOR A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to a FINAL Office Action mailed March 9, 2005 ("Office Action") and is being mailed or transmitted before the 3-month deadline for reply of June 9, 2005. The paper accompanies a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicants believe no additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 23-0455.

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